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Title: COMMUNICATION SCHEME FOR REALIZING EFFECTIVE DATA
INPUT/SETUP IN COMPACT SIZE PORTABLE TERMINAL DEVICE
USING LOCALLY CONNECTED NEARBY COMPUTER DEVICE

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

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The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), before the mailing date of the first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under §1.114.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

In a counterpart Japanese application, a Japanese Office Action issued on August 31, 2004. According to an English translation of the Japanese Office Action obtained by Applicants' representative, the Japanese Patent Office made certain characterizations of the references.

According to an English translation of the Japanese Office Action, document A1 discloses that (p. 18, lines 7 – 14, among others) a terminal (corresponds to “portable terminal device” in the invention of Claim 1) comprised of a structural element which provides a predetermined setting upon receiving the required information (corresponds to the “predetermined information related to computer network” in the invention of Claim 1) to use the services over a network by using a browser; the construction is essentially the same as that of Claim 1 of the application under consideration. Document A1 discloses (p. 5, lines 15 – 23, among others) that a structural element that enables the device to have wireless communication with other devices; the construction is essentially the same as the inventions of Claims 7 and 13 of the application under consideration. Document A1 (p. 19, lines 14 – 16, among others) has a structural element to divide the received information into fields and store the necessary portions to local memory (corresponds to “a predetermined memory region made available to application programs” of the inventions of Claims 2 and 4), and thus has a structural element to convert the received information as needed. Document A1 (p. 8, lines 15 – 21) has a structural element to transmit a message from one terminal to another.

According to an English translation of the Japanese Office Action, document A2 discloses (FIG. 2 among others), that a technique to receive necessary information upon specifying designated types of application programs present within a host system (corresponds to “computer” of the invention of Claim 3) in advance is widely practiced in the technical field of the invention.

According to an English translation of the Japanese Office Action, document A3 (paragraph 0021 among others) includes a structural element to obtain the necessary information related to all applications when a PDA (corresponds to “portable terminal device” of the invention of Claim 9) is started up and the OS is loaded. Document A2 (FIG. 2 among others) also has a structural element to obtain the necessary information when an application is initiated.

As noted, the characterizations of the Japanese Patent Office noted above are based on an English translation obtained by Applicant’s representative. The disclosure of these characterizations should not be construed as an admission of or agreement with the opinions expressed in the Japanese Office Action.

English translations of the foreign-language documents are not readily available. However, English language abstracts are provided herewith. Consequently, the foreign language documents have been submitted in compliance with the PTO requirements and, therefore, the document should be considered by the Examiner (37 CFR §1.97, §1.98 and MPEP §609).

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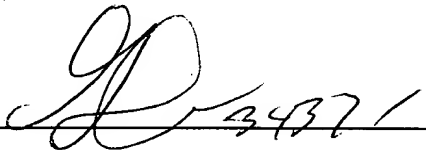
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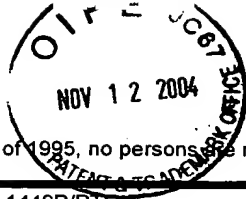
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